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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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- 3. (Amended) The speech coding method of claim 1, further comprising changing a noise level of time series vectors output from the excitation codebooks based on the evaluation result of the noise level of the speech.
- 8. (Amended) The speech decoding method of claim 6, further comprising changing a noise level of time series vectors output from the excitation codebooks based on the evaluation result of the noise level of the speech.

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